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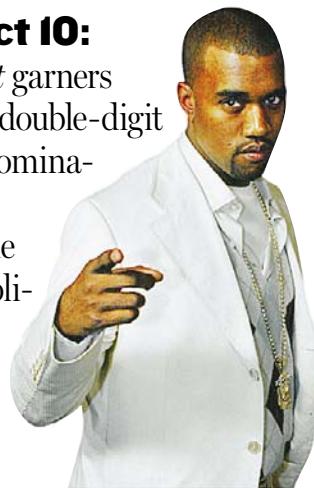
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TENSE STANDOFF: Wanthon Thota holds a knife to the throat of 9-year-old Jiranon Kerdphum in Bangkok on Tuesday. Thota, 45, appeared intoxicated during the incident, which ended when police shot him with rubber bullets, allowing the boy to escape. Bystanders beat Thota as he tried to flee.

AOL Cuts Strike Deep in Va.

WASHINGTON | America Online Inc., the nation's biggest Internet service, began cutting 750 jobs on Tuesday, more than half at the firm's Northern Virginia headquarters, company officials said.

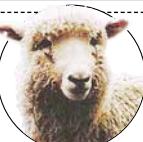
About 5,000 people work in AOL's offices near Dulles International Airport in Loudoun County.

AOL workers in Ohio, California and New York also were affected, officials said. Employees across the company's operations, from technology to marketing, were among those who lost their jobs.

AOL's corporate parent, Time Warner Inc., announced its plans to eliminate jobs at the Internet firm a month ago, when the company announced its third quarter financial results.

The job cuts come at a time when the company's online service is losing hundreds of thousands of subscribers every quarter to faster or cheaper competitors. In its third quarter, AOL lost 646,000 subscribers, primarily among dial-up Internet users. The losses brought AOL's U.S. subscriber base down to 22.7 million, some 2 million less than it had one year earlier. DAVID A. VISE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

SHEEP | **Wool's Gold** Pampered Australian sheep that listen to Italian opera have set a new record for the world's most expensive wool, wool grower Barry Walker said on Monday. A 201-pound bale of fine wool was sold to Italian designer Loro Piana for \$176,300,



to be turned into 50 suits that will retail for about \$12,000 each, Fairfax New Zealand News Service reported. Walker is one of five farmers in the Snowy Mountains who contribute their best sheep to the special fine-wool flock. (EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2

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Intel Staff Harassed By Troops

Memos: officials who saw prisoner abuse faced threats

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO | U.S. special forces accused of abusing prisoners in Iraq threatened Defense Intelligence Agency personnel who saw the mistreatment and once confiscated photos of a prisoner who had been punched in the face, according to U.S. government memos released Tuesday by the American Civil Liberties Union.

The special forces also monitored e-mails sent by defense personnel and ordered them "not to talk to anyone" in the United States about what they saw, said a memo written by the Defense Intelligence Agency chief, who complained to his Pentagon bosses about the harassment.

Prisoners arriving at a detention center in Baghdad had "burn marks on their backs" as well as bruises and some complained of kidney pain, according to the June 25, 2004 memo.

FBI agents also reported seeing detainees at Abu Ghraib subjected to sleep deprivation, humiliation and forced nudity between October and December 2003 — when the most serious abuses allegedly took place in a scandal that remains under investigation.

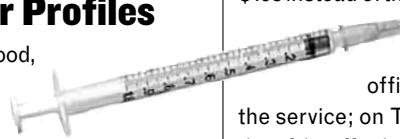
The memos reveal behind-the-scenes tensions between the FBI and U.S. military and intelligence task forces running prisoner interrogations as the Bush administration sought better intelligence to fight terrorists and the deadly Iraq insurgency. PAISLEY DODDS (AP)

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PROMOTIONS

One Way to Raise Customer Profiles

Besides cheap food, an Austrian discount grocery chain is offering bargain Botox treatments in an advertisement this week. A page of the Plus advertisement leaflet is devoted to the offer, which promises the first 100 respondents Botox treatments for \$198 instead of the usual cost of more than \$300. Dr. Wolfgang Pirker's office in Vienna offers the service; on Tuesday, the second day of the offer, he said the procedures had sold out for the day. The Vienna Medical Association has filed a complaint against the campaign. (AP)



DOOMSDAY CULTS

Spending Like There's No Tomorrow

For four years, a 9,000-member sect in Utah and Arizona that believed civilization was about to end borrowed money until they broke the bank. Members of the Mormon splinter group—the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

— took out bad loans from the Bank of Ephraim in Ephraim, Utah, ultimately collapsing the 99-year-old bank, a shutdown that cost shareholders and depositors millions. Keith Church, the bank president, said sect members had taken an oath in 2000 to borrow as much money as they could to prepare for the day that civilization collapsed. At one point, the sect had borrowed around \$18 million. (AP)



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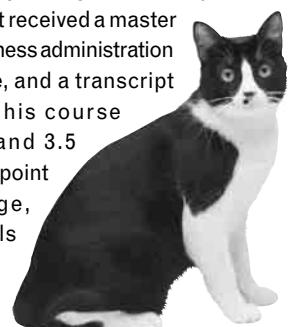
City of Blight

If you build it ... well, maybe they'll come. **Architects Series-Series-Maitre de Vallon suggested this puzzling idea, one of 454 "Olympic Landmark" designs presented Tuesday at the Arsenal Pavillon in Paris, Reuters reported. The entry was part of an international architectural competition to "put [the Olympic site] in perspective ... within the city and for the future," according to its Web site. Paris 2012, the group behind the city's bid to host the 2012 games, is sponsoring the contest.** (EXPRESS)

DEGREES

With a Minor In Hairball Studies

Pennsylvania on Monday sued an online university for allegedly selling bogus degrees, including an MBA awarded to a cat. Trinity Southern University in Texas sent more than 18,000 e-mails, which appeared to originate from Internet servers of Pennsylvania companies and institutions, linking to the school's Web site to sell degrees, officials said. Investigators paid \$299 for a degree for Colby Nolan, a deputy attorney general's cat, claiming he had baby-sitting and retail experience. The cat received a master of business administration degree, and a transcript listed his course work and 3.5 grade-point average, officials said. (AP)



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CHECK MATE: A 16-year-old boy won the U.S. Chess Championship in San Diego on Monday, becoming the youngest champ since 14-year-old Bobby Fischer won in 1958. Hikaru Nakamura began playing competitively at age 7.



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In Brief

WASHINGTON

Supreme Court Considers Legalities of Shipping Wine

The Supreme Court considered Tuesday whether state alcoholic beverage regulations put in place 70 years ago, after Prohibition was lifted, should remain the law of the land in the Internet age. The court heard three cases challenging laws in Michigan and New York that make it a crime to buy wine directly from wineries in another state. Twenty-two other states have similar statutes. (AP)

CALIMESA, CALIF.

Advocates for Abandoned Babies Win \$27M Lottery

A couple who provide funerals for abandoned infants and helped inspire a California law to save unwanted newborns won a \$27 million lottery jackpot — and plan to use the money for their advocacy work. Debi Faris-Cifelli and her husband Steven won the California SuperLotto Plus jackpot last Wednesday. (AP)



Children's advocate Debi Faris-Cifelli hit a \$27 million Calif. lottery jackpot.

House Approves Intel Overhaul Bill

Landmark legislation restructures key agencies

WASHINGTON | The House voted Tuesday to overhaul a national intelligence network that failed to prevent the Sept. 11 attacks, combining control of 15 spy agencies under one official, intensifying aviation and border security and allowing more wiretaps of suspected terrorists.

"We have come a long way toward taking steps that will ensure that we do not see another September 11th," said House Rules chairman David Dreier, R-Calif. Now "we have in place a structure that will ensure that we have the intelligence capability to deal with conflicts on the ground wherever they exist."

The House voted 336-75 to send the Senate legislation to create a new national intelligence director,

establish a counterterrorism center, set priorities for intelligence gathering and tighten U.S. borders. The measure would implement the biggest change to U.S. intelligence since the creation of the CIA after World War II to deal with the newly emerging Cold War.

The new structure should help the nation's 15 intelligence agencies work together to protect the country from attacks like the ones that killed nearly 3,000 people in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, lawmakers said.

The Senate plans to pass the bill Wednesday and send it to President Bush. JESSE J. HOLLAND (AP)

Intel revamp: House passes landmark intel reform legislation | Today's Washington Post, A Section



MOVING FORWARD: Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., left, shakes hands with Rep. David Dreier, R-Calif., center, and Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., after meeting to work out details of the intelligence bill on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Spitzer Plans to Run for Governor

ALBANY, N.Y. | New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, whose investigations of white-collar crime have shaken the nation's financial institutions, said Tuesday he will run for governor in 2006.

Long known to be interested in the job, it was the first time the high-profile attorney general has said he will definitely run.

Republican Gov. George Pataki has not yet said if he will seek a fourth term in 2006. (AP)

Leaders Faulted in Air Force Scandal

Academy commanders blamed for sexual assault issues in report

WASHINGTON | Air Force Academy commanders over the past 10 years failed to recognize and deal with the seriousness of sexual assaults against female cadets, according to the Pentagon's inspector general.

In a memo to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld that was released Tuesday, Inspector General

Joseph E. Schmitz wrote, "We conclude that the overall root cause of the sexual assault problems at the Air Force Academy was the 'failure of successive chains of command over the past 10 years to acknowledge the severity of the problem.'"

The Pentagon did not release his full report.

In response to this and other sexual assault issues in the armed forces, David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said the Pentagon would soon

implement a new policy protecting the confidentiality of people who report being sexually assaulted.

The scandal at the Air Force Academy, in Colorado Springs, Colo., led to the dismissal of the academy's leadership and wholesale reviews of military policy on sexual assault.

Last year, nearly 150 women came forward with accusations that they had been sexually assaulted by fellow cadets between 1993 and 2003. (AP)

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BRANCHING OFF: Sales of natural Christmas trees continued to slip last year, to 23.4 million, as sales of artificial ones rose to 9.6 million. A 2000 survey found 32 million households had live trees, and 50.6 million artificial.



Bush Looks to Rally Troops

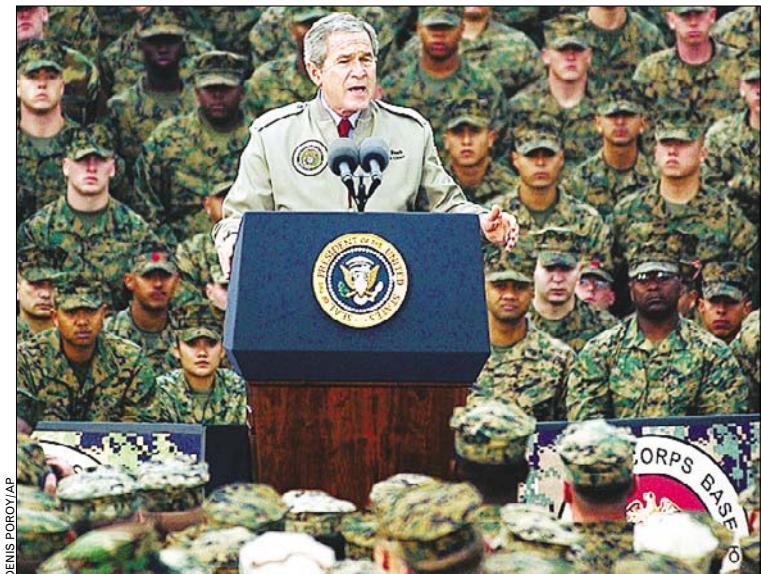
In visit to Marine base, president predicts further violence in Iraq

CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF. | President Bush, appearing before cheering U.S. forces Tuesday, declared that terrorists won't be able to control Iraq's destiny because "free people will never choose their own enslavement."

Bush said that as election day there approaches Jan. 30, "we can expect further violence" but also said that the balloting must go forward.

A large crowd of Marines clad in tan-and-green camouflage uniforms bellowed "oo-rah," as Bush, who donned a tan military-style jacket with epaulets, thanked U.S. forces. He said the bravery and sacrifice of the troops has made America safer.

"You see, the terrorists understand what is at stake," the president said. "They know they have no future in a free Iraq."



MORALE BOOST: President Bush addresses Marines during a visit to Camp Pendleton in San Diego on Tuesday. Bush thanked troops for their service in Iraq.

tional Force based there.

More than 200 U.S. troops from units based at Camp Pendleton have died since the beginning of the Iraq

conflict in March 2003, according to a Defense Department casualty count. DEB RIECHMANN (AP)

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U.S. to Import Flu Shots in Hopes of Easing Shortage

WASHINGTON | The government said Tuesday that flu vaccine manufactured in Germany was safe enough to be used in the United States and that as many as 4 million doses would be available to alleviate the U.S. shortage.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said the government was immediately buying 1.2 million doses of the vaccine, called Fluarix, which will be available this month, and said that British manufacturer GlaxoSmithKline had agreed to make about 3 million more doses available later.

Health officials also were hoping to buy vaccine from a Canadian manufacturer, but that company said it would sell its extra 1.2 million doses in Canada. The company made its decision at the request of the Canadian government. (AP)



This package of Canadian garb offers political cover to American travelers.

It is the brainchild of employees at the Mountainair, N.M.-based company known for comical T-shirts it sells on the Internet.

"It's not meant as a slight against the United States or Canada," explained T-shirtKing.com President Bill Broadbent. "It was meant as something Republicans could give their Democrat friends to say 'C'est la vie.' ... But maybe not c'est la vie because that's a French word." (AP)

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. | Planning a European vacation and don't want to talk American politics with an inquisitive foreigner? A New Mexico T-shirt company suggests going Canadian.

For \$24.95, T-shirtKing.com offers the "Go Canadian" package, full of just the kind of things an American traveler can use to keep a vacation free of U.S. politics.

There's a Canadian flag T-shirt, a Canadian flag lapel pin and a Canadian patch for luggage or a backpack. There's also a quick reference guide — "How to Speak Canadian, Eh?" — on answering questions about Canada.



WHO KNEW? An anonymous tipster who was eligible to receive a \$40,000 reward for information that led to an arrest in a murder case in Kansas City, Mo., has turned the money down, asking that it go instead to a charity established in the victim's name. Tips given by an anonymous caller led to the arrest of Benjamin Appleby, who was captured in Connecticut. (AP)

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PROTECTION: An AIDS awareness group in South Korea has shelved plans to replace the English word "condom" with a Korean word amid complaints from people whose names sound similar to the word that was chosen, "ae-pil," Reuters reported.

Karzai Takes Helm in Afghanistan

Cheney, Rumsfeld among guests at swearing-in

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Hamid Karzai was sworn in Tuesday as Afghanistan's first popularly elected president, calling for sustained help from the international community to bolster a young democracy that still faces the twin threats of terrorism and drugs.

The U.S.-backed leader took the oath of office in a solemn ceremony in a restored hall of the war-damaged former royal palace. Vice President Dick Cheney, the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit since the fall of the Taliban in 2001, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld were among the guests.

Kabul was calm amid massive security for the ceremony, but overnight attacks near the Pakistani

frontier left 12 dead, providing a strong reminder of threats to the nation's stability.

In his inaugural address, Karzai said the hopes of ordinary Afghans would drive him during what is likely to be a tough five-year term.

"We have now left a hard and dark past behind us and today we are opening a new chapter in our history in a spirit of friendship with the international community," he said in Pashto and Dari, Afghanistan's two main languages.

He said the fight against terrorism was "not yet over" and urged continued international aid and cooperation to defeat increasing links between extremists and drug trafficking. STEPHEN GRAHAM (AP)



LARRY DOWNING/AP

SWORN IN: Afghan President Hamid Karzai waves during his inauguration in Kabul on Tuesday. He asked for international help to combat terrorism and the drug trade.

Combat Death Toll in Iraq Nears 1,000

Neighboring countries doing too little to halt insurgents, official says

BAGHDAD | A top Iraqi official accused the country's neighbors Tuesday of doing too little to stop foreigners from joining the brutal insurgency, while the U.S. combat death toll neared 1,000 with the killing of a soldier in Baghdad.

In a speech to the Iraqi National Council, the deputy prime minister, Barham Saleh, said he was los-

ing patience with Iraq's neighbors. He didn't single out any governments, but noted that Iraqi police had arrested a Syrian driving a car bomb packed with artillery shells and other explosives.

"There is evidence indicating that some groups in some neighboring countries are playing a direct role in the killing of the Iraqi people and such a thing is not acceptable to us," Saleh said. "We have reached a stage in which if we do not see a real response from those countries, then we are obliged to take a

decisive stance."

Iraqi leaders have repeatedly called on their neighbors — particularly Syria and Iran — to guard their borders more closely. Those countries have expressed concern that instability in Iraq poses a threat to the entire region.

The American soldier slain Tuesday was gunned down by small-arms fire while on patrol in Baghdad. As of 10 a.m. Tuesday, the Pentagon Web site listed the number of combat deaths as 999; it was not clear if the soldier was included. (AP)

Dutch Man Faces Genocide Charges

AMSTERDAM | Prosecutors said Tuesday they will charge a Dutch chemicals dealer as an accomplice to genocide for supplying Saddam Hussein with lethal chemicals used in the 1988 chemical attack on a Kurdish town that killed an estimated 5,000 civilians.

Frans van Anraat, 62, was arrested Monday in Amsterdam. "[He] is suspected of delivering thousands of tons of raw materials for chemical weapons to the former regime," prosecutors said. (AP)

SPAIN Key Figure in Madrid Bombs Is Extradited From Italy

An Egyptian who was arrested after allegedly boasting about his role in the Madrid train bombings was extradited from Italy to Spain on Tuesday. Rabei Osman Ahmed, alleged to be a key figure in the March 11 bombings that killed 191 people, was arrested in Milan in June, and the Italian Supreme Court agreed last week to deliver him to Spain for six months for questioning. (AP)

BRITAIN BBC Cuts Nearly 3,000 Jobs

The British Broadcasting Corp. will cut about 2,900 jobs — more than a tenth of its work force — in a drive to reduce costs, Mark Thompson, the company's director-general, told staff on Tuesday. Unions representing BBC staff threatened strikes to oppose the layoffs. The steps outlined by Thompson are designed to save \$620 million. (AP)

ITALY Police Raids in Naples Net 52 Suspected Mobsters

Italian police raided scores of homes in the Naples area Tuesday and arrested 52 suspected mobsters, the largest single offensive in the state's bid to end a bloody organized crime war. About 1,500 police took part in the raids. An outburst of violence in Naples has claimed 23 lives last month alone, with some of the killings in plain view. (AP)

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World



WILLING, UNABLE: A draft of French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte's will—in which he says of his English enemies "I forgive them," but then scratches it out—sold at a Paris auction Tuesday for \$149,505.

Annan Picks Up Support

U.N. chief's allies out in force amid calls for his resignation in U.S.

UNITED NATIONS | Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Tuesday rejected calls for his resignation from several U.S. lawmakers, saying he would "carry on" at the helm of the United Nations for the next two years.

Several U.S. legislators have called for Annan to step down amid allegations of corruption in the U.N.'s oil-for-food program.

Annan said Tuesday he plans to concentrate on reform of the United Nations in the last two years of his term. "I have quite a lot of work to do and I'm carrying on with my work," Annan said when asked when he would respond to those calling for his resignation. Asked whether he was definitely saying he would not resign, Annan replied, "I think you heard my answer."

President Bush refused to back Annan last week, but his closest ally, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, gave the secretary-general a strong endorsement Monday, saying he is doing "a fine job ... often in very difficult circumstances."

The French and Spanish leaders telephoned their support Tuesday and Arab nations sent a letter, joining the 54 African nations and the 25-member European Union in backing the secretary-general.

EDITH M. LEDERER (AP)



A wounded Palestinian is carried to the hospital after an Israeli missile attack in Gaza. Israel retaliated Tuesday after a Hamas bomb attack killed an Israeli soldier.

Elaborate Hamas Attack Shatters Calm in Gaza

Militant group claims responsibility for bomb that kills Israeli soldier

GAZA CITY | Hamas militants broke three weeks of relative calm in Gaza on Tuesday, setting off a bomb that killed an Israeli soldier and triggered Israeli retaliation that left four Palestinian gunmen dead.

Palestinian officials hoped to stop attacks against Israelis before the Jan. 9 election to replace Yasser Arafat, and Israel had refrained from military offensives in Gaza after Arafat's Nov. 11 death as a gesture to the interim leadership. That ended after the bombing Tuesday near a key Gaza-Israel crossing point.

Hamas claimed its men dug a tunnel to booby-trap a chicken coop, then lured troops to the area with the help of a double agent and exploded the bomb, killing an Israeli and his bomb-sniffing dog. It was the first fatal Palestinian attack in Gaza since Arafat's death.

Mushir al-Masri, a Hamas spokesman, said the attack was a "natural response to the continuous Israeli crimes against our people and against our fighters." Hamas said two members involved in the ambush were killed.

Interim Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas has been urging militant groups like Hamas to stop attacks against Israelis and allow for a calm presidential election campaign. IBRAHIM BARZAK (AP)



EN ROUTE TO MANILA: The U.S. military said Tuesday it is sending 600 Marines and Navy personnel to the Philippines to assist in recovery efforts after recent storms left hundreds dead, destroyed 30,000 homes and displaced 200,000 from their homes. The Marines will also provide

potable water, medicine, tents, blankets and generators, the Pentagon said. (AP)

Deadlock Over Reforms in Ukraine

KIEV, UKRAINE | Lawmakers fought over and failed to pass legal reforms aimed at ensuring a fair rematch of Ukraine's fraudulent presidential runoff, accusing each other Tuesday of acting in bad faith.

Several thousand supporters of Viktor Yushchenko, impatient over lack of progress in approving

the electoral amendments sought for the Dec. 26 repeat vote, besieged parliament. They say the changes will close loopholes for fraud that marred the Nov. 21 runoff and prompted the Supreme Court to cancel the victory of Kremlin-backed Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich.

But a loose coalition of commu-

nists, socialists and pro-government factions in parliament agreed to pass the electoral changes only together with constitutional changes, which would turn some presidential powers over to parliament.

Yushchenko has balked at the changes, saying that allies of outgoing President Leonid Kuchma want to weaken his authority should he win. ANNA MELNICHUK (AP)

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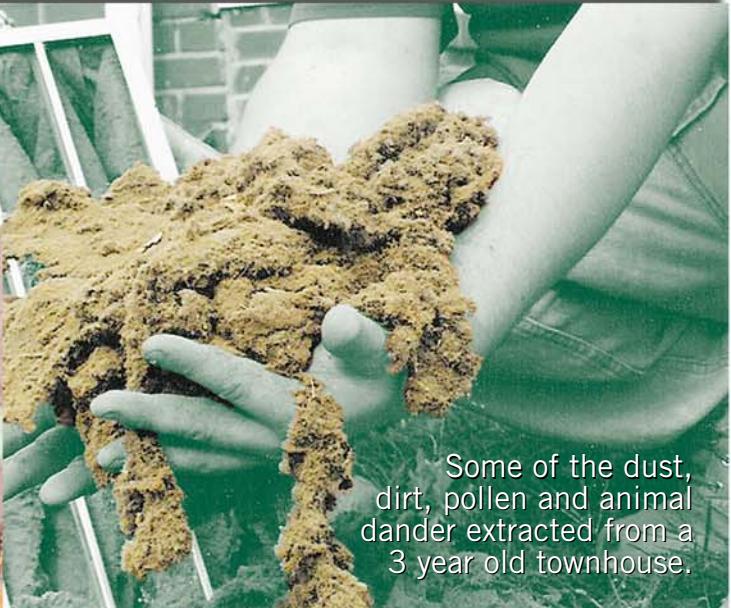
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PAY PALS: The D.C. Council gave final approval Tuesday to raising the minimum wage by 45 cents an hour come New Year's Day, to \$6.60. In January 2006, it will rise again, to \$7 an hour — well above the federal minimum wage of \$5.15.

Local

In Brief

FALLS CHURCH, VA.

Woman Injured by Boulder Thanks Hospital Workers

The woman who was nearly killed when someone hurled a boulder onto her car returned Tuesday to a Northern Virginia hospital to thank the doctors and nurses who saved her life. Daphne Gipson, 31, was on Interstate 95 in Spotsylvania County on June 7, 2003, heading home to Rochester, N.Y., when the 70-pound rock was tossed from an overpass and came through the windshield.

Nearly every bone in her face was broken. Gipson spent two months at Inova Fairfax Hospital, enduring seven operations. But Gipson said she is no longer angry with the culprit — who has never been caught. (AP)

ROCKVILLE, MD.

Man Gets 40 Years for Taking Car With Kids Inside

A man convicted of carjacking a woman, driving off with two children inside and leading police on a high-speed chase was sentenced to the maximum 40 years in prison on Tuesday. Carl E. Jones, 31, was convicted of carjacking, assault

and other charges for the July 15, 2003, incident which began when he flagged down a woman driving her Mercedes SUV in Bethesda. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Bush Asks Congress To Send \$10 Million to D.C.

President Bush told congressional leaders on Tuesday to release more than \$10 million to the District of Columbia government to help offset homeland security costs. The request came in a letter addressed to House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. and Vice President Dick Cheney in his role as president of the Senate. (AP)

BALTIMORE | O'MALLEY'S ENCORE



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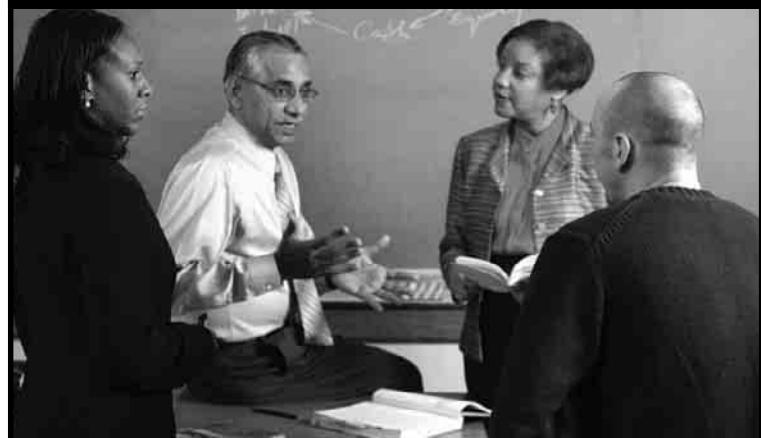
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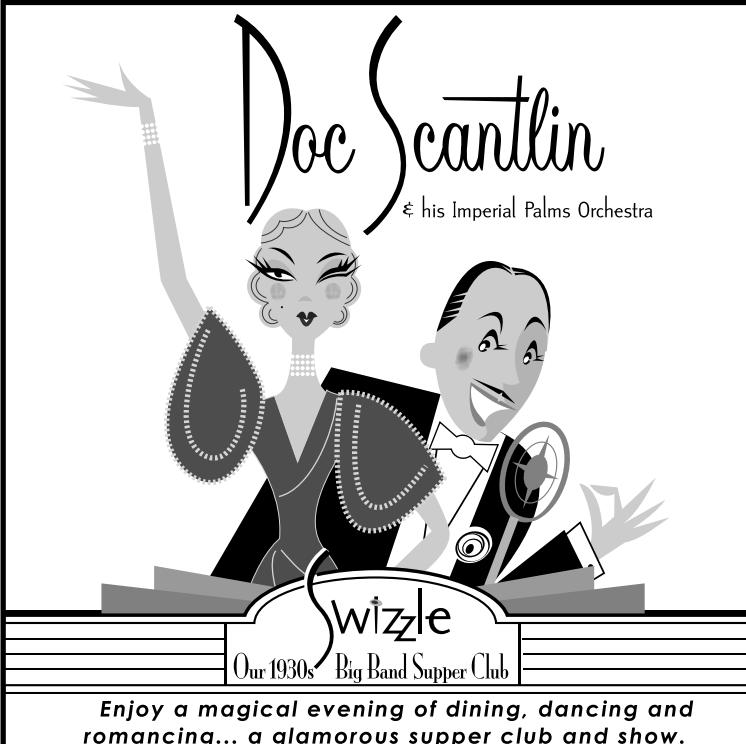
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Money

4,400 Colgate Jobs Cut

Maker of consumer products to shutter a third of its factories

NEW YORK | Colgate-Palmolive Co., the consumer products giant behind brands like Ajax detergent and Irish Spring soap, plans to cut its worldwide work force by about 12 percent, or about 4,400 jobs, and close one-third of its factories as part of a four-year plan aimed at boosting its sales and profits. Its stock climbed nearly 8 percent.

New York-based Colgate said Tuesday it would reduce its global work force from its current level of 37,000 and close a third of its 78 factories worldwide.

The moves announced Tuesday come as the consumer products industry has been grappling with higher costs in raw materials, gas and packaging.

Colgate-Palmolive also faces increasing competition from larger rival Procter & Gamble Co., which has taken big bites of the market with an increased focus on skincare and beauty products as well as pet care products. (AP)

JAPAN | CLICK 'N' SNIFF



YURIKO NAKAO/REUTERS

MAKING SCENTS: A man sniffs perfume wafting from an "aroma generator" in Tokyo on Tuesday. The device, made by Japan's Mirapro Co., connects to a Web site developed by NTT Communications. NTT says its program can create a variety of smells by blending the 32 natural oils, such as peppermint and cinnamon, contained in the device. It aims to launch the service soon.

Speculation Mounts Over IBM Deal

HONG KONG | China's biggest computer maker said Tuesday it is in acquisition talks with a major international technology company, a disclosure which comes amid reports it might buy IBM's personal computer business.

Lenovo Group Ltd. didn't name

the company in a disclosure statement released Tuesday. But the Wall Street Journal, citing unidentified sources, reported Tuesday that IBM and Lenovo plan to create a new company that would own IBM's PC business with Lenovo holding a majority stake. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
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ColgPal	50.07	+3.78	+8.2
PrepaidLg	38.42	+2.10	+5.8
Guidant	72.35	+3.60	+5.2
Wellcare n	33.00	+1.62	+5.2
FrankCov	2.10	+.10	+5.0

Losers

GerbSc	6.66	-1.25	-15.8
AlliImag	8.58	-1.25	-12.7
GaGulf	49.53	-6.90	-12.2
Omnova	5.05	-.62	-10.9
Zarlink g	2.66	-.30	-10.1

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
Prime Rate	5.00	5.00	British Pound	.5139	.5151	.5781
Fed Funds close	2.00	2.00	Canadian Dollar	1.2075	1.1980	1.3048
3-month	2.20	2.19	European Euro	.7445	.7453	.8220
2-year	2.93	3.00	Japanese Yen	102.84	103.23	107.65
10-year	4.22	4.35	Mexican Peso	11.2030	11.1330	11.2050
30-year	4.89	5.00	Taiwanese Dollar	32.09	32.19	34.06

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
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Abatix	12.77	+4.88	+61.9
CiphraBio	4.37	+1.05	+31.6
RockySh	26.38	+5.95	+29.1
VA Sftwr	2.85	+.52	+22.3
Forward	3.32	+.58	+21.2

Losers

Antigncs	8.13	-2.87	-26.1
Merisel If	5.04	-.96	-16.0
SipexCp	4.83	-.90	-15.7
Biomira	3.02	-.55	-15.4
Loudeye	2.21	-.39	-15.0

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5139	.5151	.5781			
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European Euro	.7445	.7453	.8220			
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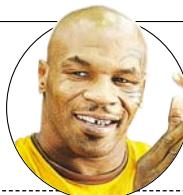
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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	33.20	-.43	-29.1
Comcast	29.50	+.10	-10.0
Comc sp	28.99	+.10	-7.4
CoxCom	34.73	-.01	+.8
DiracTV	15.92	+.18	-3.8
Disney	27.10	-.22	+16.2
Fox Ent	30.40	+.05	+4.3
Gannett	81.85	-.12	-8.2
GTelvsa	59.73	-.25	+49.8
LibtyMA	10.77	+.19	+9.4
NewsCpA n	17.55	-.14	+2.1
NewsCpB n	17.91	-.18	+1.0
Thomson	34.60	-.40	-4.6
TimeWarn	18.21	+.02	+1.2
ViacomB	35.80	-.37	-19.3

BITING BACK: Mike Tyson is beginning to train for a fight in March, his first since being knocked out by Danny Williams in



July. Tyson issued a statement Tuesday in which he also denied reports that he is depressed and using cocaine.

Sports

In Brief

REDSKINS

Arrington Plans to Practice

Washington Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington is expected to be back on the practice field Wednesday. Arrington has missed the last ten games because of a knee injury. The three-time Pro Bowler was supposed to be out only two to four weeks after arthroscopic surgery in September but he suffered a deep bone bruise on October 25th and that has kept him from playing. (AP)

BASEBALL

Plans to Market Bonds' Home-Run Chase Put on Hold

Baseball's plans to market Barry Bonds' pursuit of the Hank Aaron's home run record have been put on hold, fallout from the release of his grand jury testimony about steroids. Baseball said it had hoped MasterCard International would sponsor the promotion. Baseball already had sent the company detailed materials and artwork pitching the campaign. But a planned meeting was called off following last week's report that Bonds testified he took substances that federal prosecutors say are steroids. (AP)

BASEBALL

Gariaparra Stays With Cubs

Nomar Gariaparra enjoyed his brief stay with the Chicago Cubs so much he's coming back. The five-time All-Star shortstop, who was sent to Chicago by Boston before the July 31 trading deadline last season, agreed Tuesday to an \$8 million, one-year contract, a deal that also includes performance bonuses for games started and plate appearances. (AP)



Nomar Gariaparra is sticking with the Cubs, who traded for him in July.



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

CAVALRY: Running back Julius Jones scored the winning touchdown in the Cowboys' comeback victory over Seattle Monday.

Dallas Finds Star in Jones

Running back puts Cowboys in playoff picture

FOOTBALL | The Dallas Cowboys can only imagine how different their season might be had Julius Jones been healthy the whole time.

"It's his fault that we lost seven games," receiver Keyshawn Johnson said, smiling.

If the rookie who missed eight games keeps running like this, the Cowboys (5-7) just might sneak into the playoffs.

Jones ran for 198 yards and three touchdowns Monday night at Seattle, scoring the last on a 17-yard draw

play with 32 seconds left in a 43-39 win. That was just more than a minute after Johnson's acrobatic 34-yard catch in the back of the end zone and a recovered onside kick.

With Jones back in the lineup, the Cowboys have won consecutive games for the first time since September and are still in playoff contention. He has 429 yards rushing and five touchdowns on 93 carries in three starts since returning from a broken shoulder blade suffered in his NFL debut in Week 2.

"The running back was pretty good, in case you didn't notice," coach Bill Parcells said.

Dallas, which had lost six of seven before the last two wins, still has a chance for its second-straight playoff appearance under Parcells. The Cowboys are among six 5-7 teams a game behind in the standings for the NFC's second wild-card spot.

"Hopefully, we can get up enough energy to play the last month good," Parcells said. "I've always told my teams what you do after Thanksgiving, that's what counts."

STEPHEN HAWKINS (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) The first-place Washington Wizards, who have the Eastern Conference's best record, host the Denver Nuggets.

NBA (7 P.M. ON NBA-TV) Kevin Garnett leads the Minnesota Timberwolves against Allen Iverson's Philadelphia 76ers.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) In-state rivals Notre Dame and Indiana square off.

SOCER (2:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Real Madrid visits AS Roma in a Champions League match.

IOC Probes Jones' Steroid Charges

DOPING | The IOC opened an investigation Tuesday into doping allegations against Marion Jones, who could eventually be stripped of her five medals from the 2000 Olympics.

International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge set up a disciplinary commission to look into the claims made by Victor Conte, head of the California-based lab accused of illegally distributing steroids.

Conte told ABC's "20/20" that he gave Jones performance-enhancing drugs before and after the Sydney Olympics. He said he watched Jones inject herself with human growth hormone.

Jones won three gold medals and two bronze in Sydney. She repeatedly has denied ever using banned drugs, and has threatened to sue Conte for defamation.

Attorney Rich Nichols reiterated that Jones has consistently denied

use of performance-enhancing drugs, passed a lie detector test and has maintained the same physical appearance.

"Victor Conte's allegations are not true and the truth will be revealed for the world to see as the legal process moves forward" Nichols said in a statement.

STEPHEN WILSON (AP)



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Sports

Leinart Makes Pitch for Heisman

USC quarterback has injury to thank for his stardom on gridiron

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Matt Leinart was quite a baseball prospect growing up, showing so much promise as a left-handed pitcher that scouts took notice before high school.

"I threw heat, man," he recalled with a smile. "That's really what I wanted to do. And then, I blew my shoulder out."

Leinart would never pitch again, instead changing his focus to football.

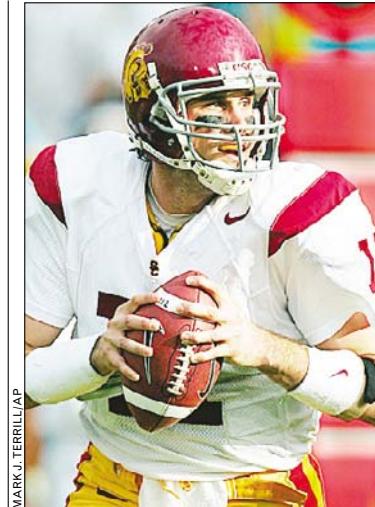
Good move.

Since succeeding Carson Palmer as Southern California's starting quarterback 15 months ago, Leinart has been stellar, guiding the top-ranked Trojans to a 25-1 record.

Last year, he passed for 3,556 yards and 38 touchdowns with only nine interceptions in leading the Trojans to a 12-1 record and The Associated Press national championship.

Some said the presence of Mike Williams and Keary Colbert, two of the country's top receivers, had a lot to do with Leinart's success.

Maybe so, but it was more of the same this year while breaking in new starting receivers. Leinart has passed for 2,990 yards and 28



MATT LEINART/AP
Matt Leinart has a 25-1 record as the starting quarterback at Southern Cal.

touchdowns with only six interceptions in leading No. 1 USC (12-0) to the Bowl Championship Series title game in the Orange Bowl, where the Trojans will face No. 2 Oklahoma.

Leinart finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy balloting as a sophomore last season, and he's among the leading contenders for this year's award, to be presented Saturday night in New York. The finalists will be announced Wednesday.

And it all began for Leinart with that shoulder injury. "It's crazy how everything fell into place," Leinart said. JOHN NADEL (AP)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
New York	8	8	.500	—	6-4 5-5
Boston	7	10	.412	1.5	4-6 5-7
Philadelphia	6	11	.353	2.5	2-8 6-5
Toronto	7	13	.350	3	3-7 3-7
New Jersey	5	12	.294	3.5	3-7 4-4

CENTRAL

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Cleveland	11	6	.647	—	7-3 8-4
Indiana	10	7	.588	1	5-5 8-2
Detroit	9	8	.529	2	5-5 3-5
Milwaukee	4	10	.286	5.5	1-9 3-4
Chicago	2	13	.133	8	2-8 0-5

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Orlando	11	6	.647	—	7-3 6-4
Miami	12	7	.632	—	6-4 10-2
Charlotte	4	11	.267	6	3-7 4-8
Atlanta	3	14	.176	8	1-9 1-9

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NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Seattle	15	3	.833	—	8-2 8-2
Minnesota	11	5	.688	3	7-3 9-2
Denver	10	7	.588	4.5	8-2 4-6
Portland	8	8	.500	6	5-5 3-5
Utah	8	10	.444	7	2-8 5-5

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Phoenix	14	3	.824	—	9-1 7-2
Sacramento	12	5	.706	2	9-1 7-5
L.A. Clippers	11	7	.611	3.5	6-4 4-5
L.A. Lakers	10	7	.588	4	7-3 6-5
Golden State	5	12	.294	9	4-6 1-11

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
San Antonio	16	3	.842	—	8-2 7-2
Dallas	12	7	.632	4	5-5 8-5
Houston	7	11	.389	8.5	3-7 5-6
Memphis	6	12	.333	9.5	3-7 5-9
New Orleans	1	14	.067	13	1-9 1-10

Standings through Dec. 6 games

QUICK REBOUND: Hubie Brown sure didn't stay retired for long. Brown joined ABC as its top NBA analyst, the network announced Tuesday. The 71-year-old Brown retired as coach of the Memphis Grizzlies on Nov. 26, a season after being selected the league's coach of the year.



Sports

Sprewell Gets Suspended for Lewd Fan Incident

NBA | Latrell Sprewell was suspended for one game by the NBA on Tuesday for yelling a sexual vulgarity at a female fan during a game, the latest episode of a player clashing with spectators.

The penalty was harsher than those issued in the past by the league office for on-court out-

bursts. The NBA has been particularly concerned about conflicts between players and fans following the brawl in Detroit 2½ weeks ago.

Sprewell responded to a female heckler with a sexually vulgar term that was clearly picked up by a court-side microphone and broadcast by television stations in Los Angeles and Minnesota. This is the latest in a series of problems for Sprewell, who was suspended for choking Golden State Warriors coach P.J. Carlesimo at practice in 1997. (AP)

Bowl-Bound Teams Don't Make Grade

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Twenty-seven of the 56 schools with bowl-bound football teams graduated less than half their players, according to a study released Tuesday.

The annual study by the Institute of Diversity and Ethics in Sports at the University of Central Florida also showed that 39 of the schools graduated less than half of their black players.

Among the bowl teams, 51 of

55 graduated at least 40 percent of their white players, according to the study, while just 30 schools graduated at least 40 percent of their black players. Only six schools graduated a higher percentage of black players than white players.

The schools with the worst graduation rates were Pittsburgh and Texas. Syracuse, Notre Dame and Boston College had the best graduation rates. MIKE SCHNEIDER (AP)

COMINGS AND GOINGS

FORMER FLORIDA COACH RON ZOOK

ZOOK was named Illinois' new coach on Tuesday.

UTAH'S URBAN MEYER was introduced as Florida's new coach. Meyer will stay at Utah through the Fiesta Bowl.

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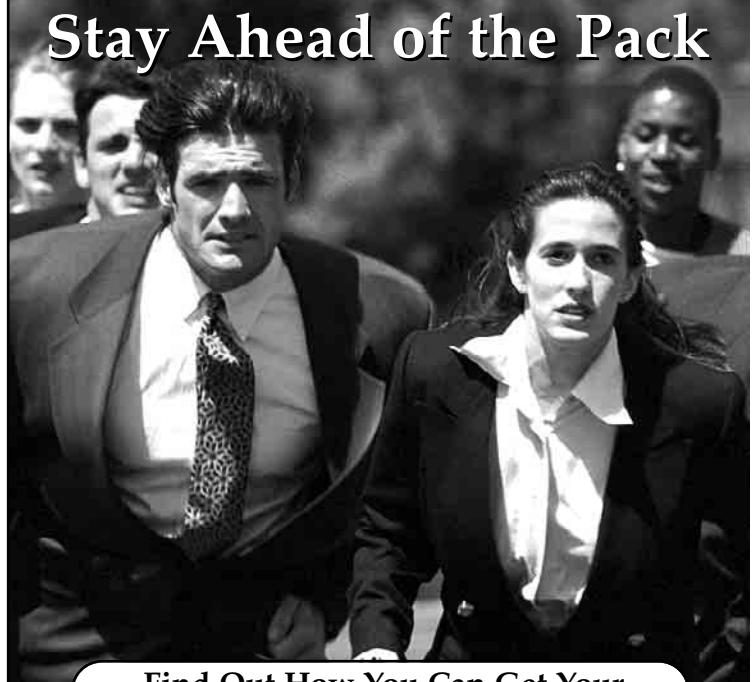
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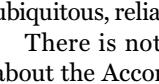


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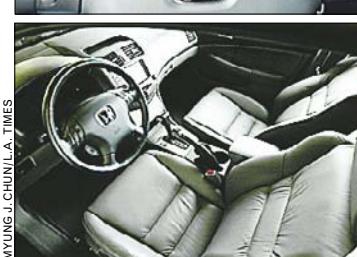


ROAD TEST | Forget Ferrari and Lamborghini. For Nader-loving, global-warming-activist, Hummer-hating Starbucks patrons, the Honda Accord Hybrid is the sexiest thing on four wheels.

It is extraordinary in its ordinariness. It's the same solid sedan that for years has been to suburban domesticity what Windows is to the PC — ubiquitous, reliable, invisible.

There is nothing second-tier about the Accord Hybrid system. Honda's hybrid approach revolves around its Integrated Motor Assist, or IMA, unit, essentially a big electric motor/generator/starter sandwiched between the motor and the transmission, wrapped around the output shaft. When maximum acceleration is called for, this unit draws juice from the nickel metal-hydride battery pack.

The car also has regenerative braking, which captures kinetic energy and converts it to electrical energy to charge the battery. The Accord Hybrid has auto-stop programming; when the car is



Watch the battery charge while sitting in the Hybrid's leather, heated seats.

slowing to a full stop, the engine shuts off. When the throttle is opened again, the IMA unit, acting as a huge starter motor, spins the motor back up.

The Honda is quick, silly quick, Tickle-Me-Elmo quick.

Whenever the full resources of the Honda motor are not required, one bank of cylinders is deactivated. Much of the time the car is essentially a three-cylinder vehicle; a green ECO icon lights up when the car is in full-thrift mode. DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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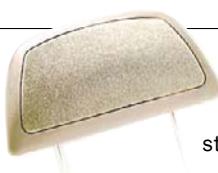
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Cars

Riding Past Driving Age

Increasingly, teens don't get licenses when they turn 16

BEHIND THE WHEEL | Getting a driver's license at 16 has long been a rite of passage. The learner's permit at 15, the driving practice with the shrieking parent, the clipboard guy at the motor vehicle department administering the road test, the first sobering crash — the rush for the license is culturally enshrined.

But kids have stopped driving at

16 in the same numbers they used to. A confluence of forces has redefined the concept of "driving age."

Poorer young people, tougher licensing laws, shifting teen attitudes, protective baby boom parents, soaring auto insurance premiums — these and other factors appear to have conspired to keep not just the majority of 16-year-olds, but more teens of all ages, from driving.

Only 43 percent of all 16- and 17-year-old Americans were licensed in 2002, according to the Federal



GET ON THE BUS: Unlicensed Kayte Greenfelder, 19, couldn't afford car insurance.

Highway Administration and U.S. Census Bureau. In 1992, that figure was nearly 52 percent.

Meanwhile, in supposedly car-addicted California, teens are even less likely to be driving. Slightly fewer than 27 percent of the state's 16- and 17-year-olds were licensed last year, a figure that has been sliding since at least 1978, when it was 50.1 percent.

Even with lowered proportions of young drivers, millions of adolescents remain on the freeways, and traffic crashes still are the leading cause of death for 15- to 20-year-olds.

The decline in licensing has reached critical mass only in the last decade. **SHAWN HUBLER** (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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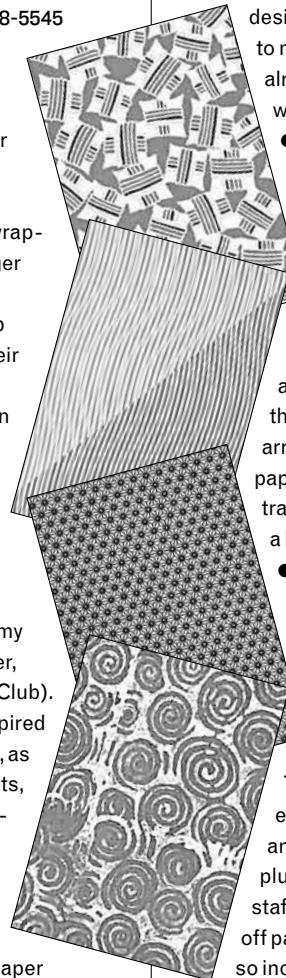
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● **STYLE:** This is not your mother's wrapping paper (it's certainly not my mother's wrapping paper, which she gets at Price Club). Japanese and batik-inspired prints were my favorites, as were the embossed prints, which would give a present that fashionable crocodile-skin look. Per-sheet prices range from \$.40 to \$10.

There are reams of paper and paper-related goods besides wrap: ribbon, cards, journals, photo albums and books on the first floor, with stationery, scrapbook and stamp-



ing supplies on the second. I don't scrapbook, but now I kind of want to; Paper Source's decorations are sophisticated and arty.

The store offers custom printing, too. Invites cost from \$200 to \$410 for 50, the minimum order. Pricey, but the designs are unique enough to make me kick myself for already having ordered my wedding invitations.

● **SERVICE:** Standing around in the custom-stationery section didn't attract any aid, but when I asked a staff member for help printing invitations, she was knowledgeable and friendly. Although the design book hadn't yet arrived, she directed me to paper-source.com and later tracked me down to give me a brochure and price list.

● **BUREAUCRACY:** Boxed cards, unused supplies, books and non-custom stationery can be returned with a receipt.

● **BONUS POINTS:** The store wraps packages for \$2 a pop (more for anything weirdly shaped), plus the cost of paper. The staff recommend dropping off packages for pick-up later, so incorporate that into any holiday-panicked plans.

● **FINAL ANALYSIS:** Friendly and funky, it's a welcome addition to a Hallmark-saturated world.

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Home Front

The Washington Post **HOME STAFF** share their decorating advice every other Thursday at 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

Will my cat climb a fake tree?

Until you see how your cat reacts, you might want to support the tree with wires on either side and not hang your most precious ornaments.

Regarding cats and Christmas trees: This won't work when you're

away, but my family always had success with water pistols. We'd shoot the cat as it began to get up into the tree. After a few days, all we had to do was shake the water pistol or imitate the sound of it shooting to discourage the would-be climbers.

Thanks for the ingenious idea.

My suggestion for the person worried about her cat: Avoid using anything too enticing to play with near the bottom, like tinsel or garland, and leave some tissue paper and crumpled-up wrapping paper on the floor for the cat to play with.

Great idea. Leave some toys at the bottom for your cat. Very much in the spirit of the season.



NICE ... HAND: An online gambling site polled 773 Americans and found that the Texas hold 'em opponent they'd most like to face is bodacious non-poker-player Pamela Anderson. Only 1 percent wanted to play known card-sharp Ben Affleck.

Entertainment

You'd Better Watch

... You'd better not touch that dial; it's time for holiday TV

SEASONAL SIGHTS | It's come to this: Even Frosty has a DVD out.

"Frosty the Snowman" is among the cartoons included in "The Original Television Christmas Classics." So is the TV tradition of packing December with hours of holiday nostalgia over?

Nope. Broadcasters and cable channels still believe in the season's magical power to attract viewers — even the umpteenth showing of "It's a Charlie Brown Christmas" and with commercials.

Among the highlights:

ANIMATION

Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer (8 p.m. Thu., Dec.

9, WB) Grandma is missing and Jake sets out to find her and prove Santa exists in a special based on the novelty song.

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (8 p.m. Fri., Dec. 10, WB) Bitter old Grinch robs Whoville of the holiday in this 1966 adaptation of the Dr. Seuss classic.



THAT'S NOT SANTA!: The Grinch cozies up to an unobservant Cindy Lou Who.



LET IT 'SNOW': Ed Cavanagh is no doubt heartwarming in the movie "Snow."

Boris Karloff voices the Grinch and the narration.

Franklin's Magic Christmas

(11 a.m. Mon., Dec. 13, Noggin) When a holiday visit to the grandparents goes wrong for Franklin, he blames kid sister Harriet — then a special sleigh enters the picture.

The Story of Santa Claus

(8 p.m. Sat., Dec. 18, CBS) The voices of Edward Asner, Betty White and Tim Curry are heard in this tale of a toymaker and his wife evicted from their shop by a mean landlord.

MOVIES

Naughty or Nice (8 p.m. Sat., Dec. 11, ABC) George Lopez stars in a movie about a sports radio shock jock whose life takes turn after his big change of heart.

Snow (8 p.m. Sun., Dec. 12, ABC Family) Tom Cavanagh stars in a reinvention of the Santa Claus story, playing a man with reindeer and romance issues.

Karroll's Christmas (8 p.m. Tues., Dec. 14, A&E) The ghosts of Christmas visit the wrong guy — greeting card writer Allen Karroll (Tom Everett Scott) in

a comic approach to "A Christmas Carol."

Too Cool for Christmas (9 p.m. Sat.s, Dec. 18, Here! TV) A teenager (Brooke Nevin) finds holiday spirit with Santa (George Hamilton) and her two dads in the gay and lesbian channel's first original program.

A Christmas Story (8 p.m., Fri., Dec. 24, TBS) The annual 24-hour marathon of Jean Shepherd's heartwarming and wry tale.

A Christmas Carol (9 p.m. Fri., Dec. 24, NBC) A Hallmark Entertainment musical version of Dickens' classic tale stars Kelsey Grammer and features Jason Alexander and Jane Krakowski.

STOCKING STUFFERS

Entertainment Weekly's Holiday Movies (10 p.m. Sun., Dec. 12, AMC) French Stewart presents a collection of funny and touching holiday movie moments, including "holiday humbugs."

The Christmas Special Christmas Special (10 p.m. Tue., Dec. 14, Bravo) A study of TV holiday programs, ranging from 1951's reverent "Ahmal and the Night Visitors" to the 2000 "South Park" cartoon.

Christmas in Washington (8 p.m. Wed., Dec. 15, TNT) "Dr. Phil" and wife Robin are the hosts of the annual concert, with JoJo, LeAnn Rimes, Ruben Studdard and Vanessa Williams performing.



Night of Joy (8 p.m. Thu., Dec. 23, Pax) Christian and gospel music performed by Michael W. Smith, Steven Curtis Chapman, CeCe Winans, Jars of Clay and others. Kirk Franklin hosts.

LYNN ELBER (AP)

Today's Top Stops

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Doing It All: Mos Def at 9:30

He started as a rapper, and he began to branch out as rappers do, but rather than go into mogulhood, Mos Def expanded his arts repertoire to become an Emmy-nominated actor. Still, his intelligent, political hip-hop is like nothing else out there.

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 8:30 p.m., \$35; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)



Rapper Mos Def chose to take not Wall Street, but the arts world, by storm.

Heavy on the Pink: Erik Sandberg at Conner

Never accuse Washington-based artist Erik Sandberg of not stating the case. After all, an exhibition of his new paintings is called "In the Flesh," and they're, well, fleshy. They're also funny and grotesque and a little tragic.

Conner Contemporary Art, 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW, through Dec. 23; 202-588-8750.

Holiday History: DAR Open House

The Daughters of the American Revolution throw open their doors and allow visitors to browse DAR's elegant headquarters, hear local choirs sing Christmas carols and enjoy cider, cookies and, for the wee ones, a visit from Santa, at the DAR Christmas Open House.

Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW; 5:30-8 p.m., free; 202-572-0563.

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Remembering Rose: 'Our Lady'

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Kennedy Center Film Theater, 2700 F St. NW; through Jan. 2, \$24-\$52; information 202-393-3939 or tickets 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

Platform Performance: CatScratch in the Metro

6 If the words "Metro entertainment" usually mean the foil-hatted seatmate who won't stop explaining about how his fillings are picking up Dan Rather's thoughtwaves, prepare for a much more enjoyable ride when CatScratch Theatre performs on the platform of the Anacostia Metro Station as part of the D.C. International Improvisation Plus Festival.

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Entertainment

Awards Go West

Rapper Kanye West sweeps nominations for music's Grammy

NODS | Producer-turned-rapper Kanye West collected a leading 10 Grammy nominations Tuesday, including album of the year for "The College Dropout."

The performer, who claimed he was "definitely robbed" when he picked up no trophies at the American Music Awards, also had a nomination for best new artist and shared a songwriting bid for song of the year with "Jesus Walks."

Usher and Alicia Keys, who collaborated on the hit "My Boo," followed West with eight nominations each, including album of the year for Keys' "The Diary of Alicia Keys" and Usher's "Confessions."

Ray Charles, whose posthumous duets album "Genius Loves Company," became the biggest-selling album of his long career, had seven nominations including album of the year and record of the year for "Here We Go Again," sung with Norah Jones.

Green Day garnered six bids for its hard-driving rock-punk album "American Idiot." The group was nominated for record of the year



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and best rock song for the title track and best rock album.

Other record of the year contenders were the mellow love song "Heaven" by Los Lonely Boys, the jumpy party song "Let's Get It Started" by the Black Eyed Peas

and Usher's massive hit "Yeah!"

The best new artist class spanned soul, rap, country and pop, with nominees Gretchen Wilson, rapper West, young soul sensation Joss Stone, Los Lonely Boys and Maroon 5. ANTHONY BREZNAN (AP)

Shot of Scotch at CBS

NEW BLOOD | Scottish actor Craig Ferguson, who played the boss on "The Drew Carey Show," will be the new host of CBS' "Late Late Show."

Ferguson passed through a gauntlet of on-air tryouts set up by

Worldwide Pants, David Letterman's production company. He was one of four finalists with actor Michael Ian Black, comedian D.L. Hughley and MTV "Total Request Live" host Damien Fahey.

He replaces Craig Kilborn, who

will be leaving the 12:30 a.m. talk show after five years. The "Late Late Show" trails NBC's "Late Night" with Conan O'Brien, in the ratings.

New York Daily News critic David Bianculli said in a column that Ferguson "showed more range, humor and originality than any of the others." DAVID BAUDER (AP)

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NOBLES CALLING: The Lifetime network poshers up with the reality show "I Married a Princess," starring "Dynasty" beauty and gen-u-wine royal babe Catherine Oxenberg. The series will feature Oxenberg, her husband, actor Caspar Van Dien, and their children, and purports to show that the royal life is no fairy tale.

Metal's Bad Boys Play Nice

REUNIONS | The original members of the 1980s glam-metal band Motley Crüe made hard living and wild sexcapades a centerpiece of their music and their lives.

Now, after a five-year hiatus from performing together, the big-haired, leather-clad Crüe members are eager to slip back into the music,

if not the lifestyle.

With support from VH1, vocalist Vince Neil, drummer Tommy Lee, guitarist Mick Mars and bass player Nikki Sixx plan a world tour beginning in February. They'll also release a double-CD greatest hits compilation with three new songs titled "Red, White & Crüe."

Motley Crüe regrouped after Sixx wrote some songs and asked Neil if he would sing them.

"We got in and we were like, 'Wow. Where's the problem here? Did we make a mountain out of a molehill?'" said Sixx. "We're a dysfunctional band ... always on the fringe of something going wrong."



REUTERS

STILL MOTLEY: The Crüe has kept the wild style, not the destructive habits.

In recent years, the band members have been known less for their music than their personal troubles. In 1989, Sixx nearly died from a heroin overdose. Mars is recovering from hip replacement surgery to treat a degenerative illness.

Sixx said he hopes the band can match the success other veteran acts have had in gaining younger fans: "We're making new music. We're taking chances musically. It's a really cool thing." ALEX VIEGA (AP)

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IT'S NOT SO EASY TO BUY YOUR SOUL BACK: Howard Stern may be leaving terrestrial radio, but according to a Viacom executive, Infinity radio expects him to stick around through the end of the year until his contract expires.

ON TV TONIGHT

RIGHT SIDE OF THE LAW

LAW & ORDER (10 p.m., NBC) Michael Imperioli ("The Sopranos") joins the cast of "Law & Order" for a short run. On tonight's episode, a suspect in a rape case winds up on the wrong side of a speeding car's bumper.

NICE GUYS FINISH FIRST

A CLAY AIKEN CHRISTMAS (8 p.m., NBC)
"American Idol 2003" runner-up Clay Aiken has his own holiday special featuring Barry Manilow, Yolanda Adams and Megan Mullally.

'FASCINATING' IS JUST ANOTHER WORD FOR 'OVEREXPOSED'

MOST FASCINATING PEOPLE OF 2004
(9 p.m., ABC). Usher sits down for an interview along with other designated



Runner-up Aiken proves he's got game.

fascinators, including Oprah Winfrey, Donald Trump, Paris Hilton, Michael Moore and Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling, among others.

THINK TANKS

100 GREATEST DISCOVERIES (8 p.m., The Science Channel) Bill Nye the science guy hosts an eight-part roundup of

the “Eureka!” moments that have significantly changed the way we understand our world.

"Discoveries" is a visually compelling production featuring interviews with several Nobel Prize-winning researchers and scientists. It's worth noting that 10 of the 100 discoveries are in the field of evolution, an area of science that some people still consider a "controversial" theory.

GUILT CHOICE

ANNIE GET YOUR GUN (8 p.m., TCM). Betty Hutton stars as the singing sharpshooter in this 1950 Irving Berlin musical. Hutton was hired to replace a troubled Judy Garland in a signature role made famous on stage by Ethel Merman. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Billboard Buzz

Cell phone sounds make beautiful music for award nominees



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Cent; "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," from Jay-Z; and "Hey Ya!" by OutKast. The winner will not be chosen by a faculty of ringtone-ologists, but reflects the set that achieved the number of legal downloads of the year.

Scheduled performers include Usher, Nelly and Green Day, and special appearances by Nick Lachey, Alicia Keys, Fantasia, Ashlee Simpson, Duran Duran and Chingy. KEVIN MCDONOUGH
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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC	4	News <small>CC</small>	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	A Clay Aiken Christmas (N) <small>CC</small>	The West Wing "In the Room" (N) <small>1</small>	Law & Order "Fixed" (N) <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	News	Friends <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	The Tonight Show	Drew Carey	
	WTTG	5	The Simpsons <small>1</small>	The Simpsons <small>1</small>	Friends <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	Seinfeld <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	The 2004 Billboard Music Awards (S Live) <small>CC</small>	News	Friends <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	Drew Carey	News <small>CC</small>	(:35) Nightline	
	WJLA	7	News <small>CC</small>	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Lost (N) <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	Barbara Walters	(:02) Wife Swap "Aguirre/Ray" (N) <small>1</small>	News <small>CC</small>	News <small>CC</small>	(:35) Late Show	
	WUSA	9	News <small>CC</small>	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	60 Minutes (N) <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	King of Queens	Center-Univ	CSI: NY "Blink" <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	News <small>CC</small>	(:35) Late Show	
	WDCA	20	Girlfriends <small>CC</small>	Girlfriends <small>CC</small>	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.	America's Next Top Model (N) <small>CC</small>	Kevin Hill "Gods and Monsters" <small>1</small>	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Every-Raymond	Dharma & Greg	
	WMPT	22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Andre Rieu With the Strauss Orchestra <small>1</small>	Great Performances	Singer Josh Groban performs. (N) <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	Rock 'n' Roll Forever: Ed Sullivan's	Cruising-Water			
	WETA	26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	The Morgan Choir: A Joyful Celebration <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	Yanni: A Decade of Excellence						
	WHUT	32	At Howard	BBC World News	MoneyWise <small>CC</small>	American Family: Journey of Dreams	Soundstage <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley <small>1</small>	Charlie Rose (N) <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>		
	WBDC	50	The Parkers <small>1</small>	Steve Harvey	The Parkers <small>1</small>	Steve Harvey	Smallville "Covenant; Crusade" <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>		Will & Grace <small>1</small>	Just Shoot Me <small>1</small>	Will & Grace <small>1</small>	Blind Date <small>CC</small>	
BASIC CABLE	A&E	City Confidential <small>CC</small>	American Justice "False Witness" <small>1</small>	American Justice: Mrs. Jones	The Secret Life of a Serial Killer	Biography "Gene Simmons" (N)	Crossing Jordan "Perfect Storm" <small>1</small>						
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter <small>CC</small>	Most Extreme Lethal Injections. <small>CC</small>	The Jeff Corwin Experience <small>CC</small>	Miami Animal Police <small>CC</small>	Miami Animal Police "Tiger Trouble"	The Jeff Corwin Experience <small>CC</small>						
	BET	106 & Park	AIDS Day 2004	Access Granted	The Parkers <small>1</small>	Girlfriends <small>CC</small>	Coming to the Stage	Comicview	BET Nightly News	How I'm Living			
	Bravo	"Welcome Home, Roxy Carmichael"	The West Wing "Hartsfield's Landing"	★★★ "Dirty Dancing" (1987, Drama) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze. <small>CC</small>	Project Runway (N) <small>CC</small>	The West Wing "Hartsfield's Landing"							
	Comedy	Jewish Comedy	Jewish Comedy	The Daily Show	Mad TV <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	Crank Yankers	Reno 911! <small>CC</small>	South Park <small>CC</small>	South Park (N)	Drawn Together	The Daily Show	South Park <small>CC</small>	
	Court	NYPD Blue "The Irvin Files" <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	Cops <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	Cops <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	The Investigators "Fatal Attraction"	Forensic Files (N)	Psychic Detect	The Investigators	Caught	Masterminds			
	Discovery	Monster Nation (N)	American Chopper "POW/MIA 2"	Nile: Land of the Crocodiles (N)	Sphinx Unmasked (N)	Great Biker Build-Off 3	Nile: Land of the Crocodiles						
	DISCH	Chicago Hope <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	Trauma: Life in the ER <small>CC</small>	Face Transplant	Plastic Surgery: Before and After (N)	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Face Transplant						
	Disney	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister <small>1</small>	That's So Raven	★★ "Toothless" (1997, Fantasy) Kirstie Alley, Dale Midkiff. <small>CC</small>	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister <small>1</small>	Even Stevens	Boy Meets World			
	E!	101 Crimes of Fashion	E! News (N)	It's Good to Be	101 Crimes of Fashion	101 Crimes of Fashion	101 Crimes of Fashion	101 Crimes of Fashion	Howard Stern	Howard Stern			
	FX	Fear Factor <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	King of the Hill <small>1</small>	King of the Hill <small>1</small>	★★ "Black Knight" (2001, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Marsha Thomason, Tom Wilkinson.	Fear Factor <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	King of the Hill <small>1</small>						
SPN	HGTV	Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Renovation	Bldg. Character	Sensible Chic	Mission: Orgnz	A Very Merry Curb Appeal	Painted House <small>1</small>	Dream House (N)	
	Family	7th Heaven "An Early Fall" <small>CC</small>	The Year Without a Santa Claus	"Mr. St. Nick" (2002, Comedy) Kelsey Grammer, Charles Durning. <small>CC</small>	Whose Line? <small>CC</small>	Whose Line? <small>CC</small>	The 700 Club <small>CC</small>						
	History	History's Mysteries <small>CC</small>	Modern Marvels "Bathroom Tech"	Modern Marvels (N) <small>CC</small>	Boys' Toys (N) <small>CC</small>	Boys' Toys (N) <small>CC</small>	Boys' Toys <small>CC</small>	Boys' Toys <small>CC</small>	Modern Marvels "Extreme Gadgets"				
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	★★ "Ebbie" (1995, Drama) Susan Lucci, Taran Noah Smith. <small>CC</small>	★★ "I'll Be Home for Christmas" (1997) Ann Jillian, Jack Palance. <small>CC</small>	The Nanny <small>CC</small>	The Golden Girls						
	MTV	Room Raiders <small>1</small>	The Real World	Direct Effect <small>1</small>	Hard Rock Live	Pimp My Ride <small>1</small>	Pimp My Ride <small>1</small>	Jackass <small>1</small>	Jackass <small>1</small>	Viva La Bam <small>1</small>	Viva La Bam <small>1</small>		
	NICK	Hey Arnold! <small>CC</small>	Rugrats <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	Jimmy Neutron	Fairly Oddparents	SpongeBob	Teenage Robot	Full House <small>CC</small>	Full House <small>CC</small>	Fresh Prince	The Cosby Show	Roseanne <small>CC</small>	Roseanne <small>CC</small>
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Tangent" <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction? <small>CC</small>	Proof Positive: Paranormal	Ghost Hunters (N) <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	Scare Tactics (N)	Scare Tactics <small>CC</small>	Scare Tactics <small>CC</small>	Proof Positive: Paranormal				
	SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos <small>CC</small>	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation <small>1</small>	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation <small>1</small>	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation <small>1</small>	The Club (N) <small>1</small>	I Hate My Job (N) <small>1</small>	MXC <small>1</small>	MXC <small>1</small>	MXC <small>1</small>	MXC <small>1</small>		
	TBS	Seinfeld <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	Seinfeld <small>1</small> <small>CC</small>	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	The Real Gilligan's Island	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	(:10) ★★ "Pleasantville" (1998)	
	TNT	Clean Sweep <small>CC</small>	In a Fix "Beachfront Bash"	Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends	In a Fix "Aquaworld: A Sparky Story"	For Better or for Worse (N)	For Better or for Worse (N)	For Better or for Worse (N)	For Better or for Worse (N)	Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends			
SPORTS	USA	JAG "Heart and Soul" <small>CC</small> (DVS)	JAG "Dangerous Game" <small>1</small>	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit <small>1</small>	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit <small>1</small>	★ "Rollerball" (2002, Action) Chris Klein, Jean Reno. Premiere. <small>CC</small>	★ "Raw Deal" (1986) <small>CC</small> (DVS)						
	VHI	Redlight Green.	Fabulous Life Of...	Awesomely Badder Fashion <small>1</small>	InStyle's Greatest Weddings <small>1</small>	My Coolest Years "The Geeks" <small>1</small>							

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Technology

The 'multiplayer' universe is where gamers dwell online

Not long ago, in a galaxy not far away, Chip Collier was on a mission.

"I really gotta stop bleeding and dying," the 24-year old Chicagoan said, slouched in front of his computer. "I'm really horrible about not paying attention to my



battle fatigue."

Collier was referring to his character in the online game Star Wars Galaxies — and his quest to find a doctor.

Collier is a University of Illinois

at Chicago graduate student, but in the virtual world, he is Gestalt, a lumbering, peace-loving wookie. Gestalt is a member of the Knights of Ash, a "guild" of about 80 worldwide Star Wars Galaxies players.

The game is one of the increasingly popular and sophisticated "massively multiplayer online role-playing games" with tens of thousands of people playing at once. These games let play-

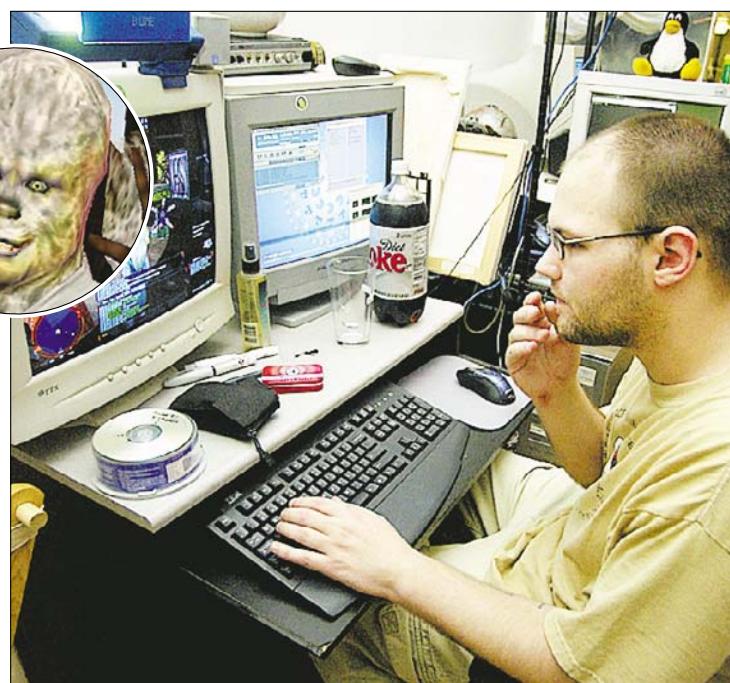
'AWESOME!' Chip Collier pines for the day when his character, Gestalt, flies the galactic skies as a fighter pilot.

WOOKIE OF THE YEAR: Owen Nelson's character runs a guild of about 80 Star Wars Galaxies players.

ers create characters and socialize with strangers for a monthly fee.

"A game is just another narrative," Collier said, adding that, for him, games are an outlet from the grind of everyday life.

In another mission, Gestalt mounted a speeder-bike and rode through hilly fields filled with wildflowers.



M. SPENCER GREEN/AP

In a World Of Their Own

With fishing pole in tow, Gestalt headed toward his beach house and, later, took a transport to a mining outpost to make some online cash by killing animals.

"This is pretty much my online life — hop on a bike, go fishing, make some money, kill some stuff," Collier says. "Just doing random stuff in a virtual world, that's the point."

Players can make their char-

acters lead solitary lives. But the game encourages people to interact, allowing characters to "sell" or barter services and help each other.

Games like this also give players leeway to be creative — in the way their characters look, the way they decorate their houses and what they spend their time doing.

Collier wants to become an online pilot "so we can fly in ships — it's frickin' awesome!" he said.

"You can learn from any person you talk to — and being online is just an extension of that," said Owen Nelson, 23, Collier's roommate and fellow gamer. "There are no borders."

In the game, he is Hotpocket, a lanky, blond-eyed Jedi wookie with a light saber. He's also the leader of the guild.

"Owen has fame," said Collier.

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Gordon Peterson

On 7's Side

Local anchorman **GORDON PETERSON** was online Tuesday to discuss his move to ABC 7 News after more than 30 years at Channel 9 | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Glad to see you back. How does it feel to be with your old teammates on another station's team?

It feels like a homecoming, not only because of Doug Hill and Maureen Bunyan, but also because of the many friends I have here behind the cameras as well. I would add that I have known and admired Kathleen Matthews and Tim Brant for years, and Leon Harris and I have a number of mutual friends who think the world of him. And now I know why.

Are you sorry things turned out the way they did at Channel 9? Would you have stayed there forever?

Nothing lasts for ever. Thirty-five years is long enough in one place. I do miss my old pals over there, though. Folks who knocked themselves out to make me look good.

Did you ever think that before you retired, you'd be able to say to Tim Brant, "So, how did the Nationals do today?"

Isn't it great? I was at the last Senators game at RFK, a sad day. I accidentally ate owner Bob Short's

lunch in the press box. I've never regretted it.

Can any news station make a profit off good news only? Don't you think viewers are tired of watching terrible news and the pictures that go with it?

I once heard the editor of my hometown newspaper say, "Serenity is not news." I suspect that any organization that focuses exclusively on what's working in our society as opposed to what isn't is not long for this world.

Do you "own" "Inside Washington"? I was surprised that you took the program along with you to Channel 7.

I do not "own" "Inside Washington," but my previous employer was kind enough to allow me to take the name with me, and the panel decided to follow me here as well.

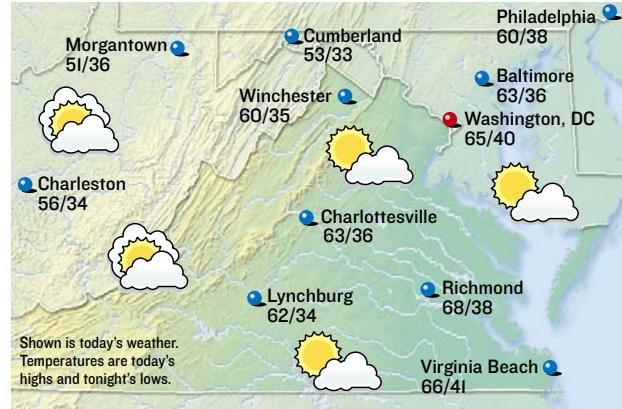
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NOON: Deputy Managing Editor Milton Coleman takes questions about the Post and its new partnership with the Spanish-language newspaper *El Tiempo Latino*.

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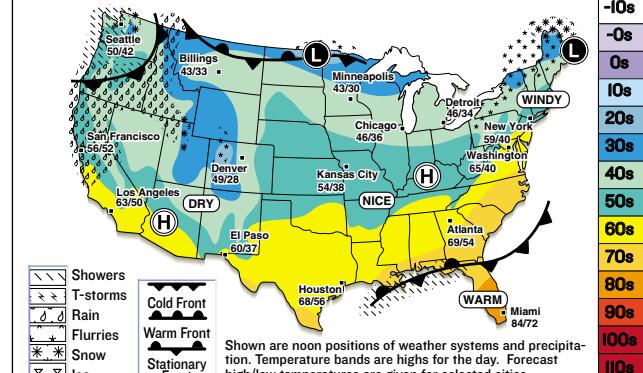
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National Weather for Wednesday, December 8



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Chicago	46/36/pc	48/38/pc	Berlin	43/38/pc	44/38/pc
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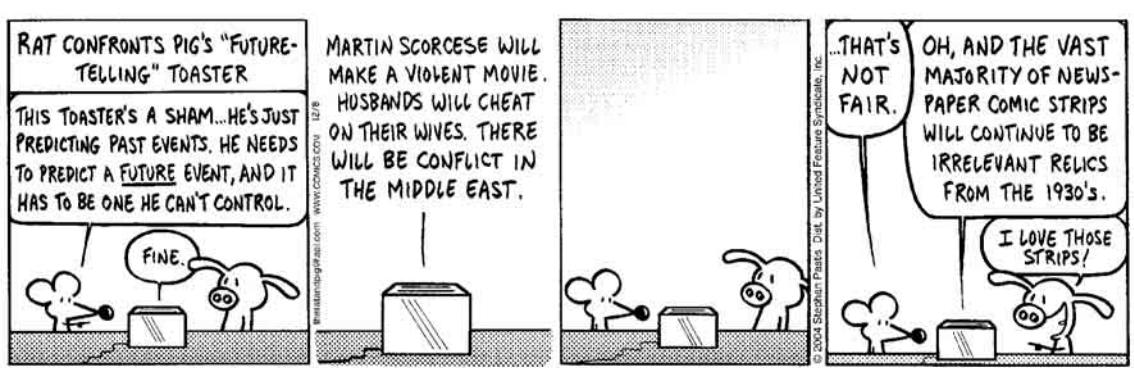
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Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



Letters

Breaking the Drug Habit

IN RESPONSE TO Tuesday's story on American prescription drug use: Instead of talking about drug companies, how about calling on Americans to do the lifestyle work to avoid need-

ing drugs. We need to take responsibility for healing ourselves.

— DAVID KAY
Herndon, Va.

'Pearls,' But No Wisdom

THANKS TO Stephan Pastis for "Pearls Before Swine" — I enjoy Pig and Rat. However, the toaster in this week's strip is not only predicting the

past but was also wrong on Tuesday. Barcelona, my city, hosted the Olympics in 1992, not 1988.

— ALBERT AMAS GENIS
Via e-mail

Stephan Pastis responds: Not only does the toaster fail to predict the future; he can't predict the past very well either. And none of my regular characters is smart enough to catch the mistake.

LOOK out

People

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Tall Women Top List of Highest Earning Actresses

JULIA ROBERTS is a mommy with big money. The actress, who recently gave birth to twins, tops The Hollywood Reporter's annual list of the highest-paid actresses. Her

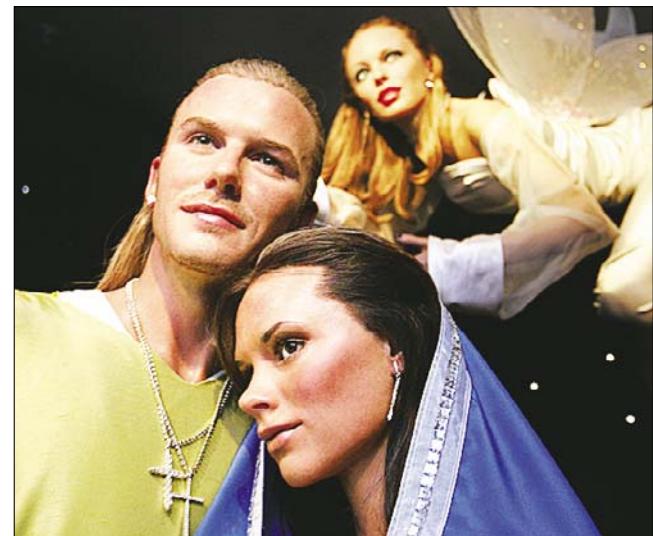
asking price per film? \$20 million. "Charlie's Angels" star Cameron Diaz is second (she also sports a \$20 million price tag but didn't appear in any films in 2004) with Nicole Kidman, Reese Witherspoon and Drew Barrymore (all worth \$15 million each) rounding out the top five. Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen share the 85th spot. (AP)

THRILLERS

Like Tom Clancy, Only Dull

Former CIA Director **GEORGE TENET** has agreed to terms with the Crown Publishing Group to write his memoirs, ending an extensive bidding war that involved more than a dozen

publishers. Financial terms were not disclosed Monday, but a rival publisher said bidding "easily" topped \$4 million. Books by former CIA officials have to be cleared by the agency, but Tenet's former spokesman at the CIA said he was "confident that the director will be able to be candid, without running into any difficulties with the clearance process." (AP)



PETER MACDIARMID/REUTERS

QUESTIONABLE TASTE

Unholy Family

In a charming act of sacrilege, Madame Tussauds in London put together a nativity scene featuring wax figures of **DAVID BECKHAM** and his wife, **VICTORIA**, as Joseph and Mary (that's **KYLIE MINOGUE** hovering behind them). The scene also includes Prime Minister Tony Blair, the Duke of Edinburgh and President George W. Bush as the Magi. (EXPRESS)



MATT SAYLES/AP

Paris Hilton is extra-fascinating when she sulks blankly for photographers.

NARROW MINDEDNESS

Barbara Limits 'Fascinating' Shortlist to Celebrities Only

PARIS HILTON has been named one of the "10 most fascinating people of 2004" by Barbara Walters. Others include Michael Moore, Donald Trump, Oprah, "Jeopardy!" champ Ken Jennings and Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling. The special, "Barbara Walters Presents: The 10 Most Fascinating People of 2004," airs 9 p.m. Wednesday on ABC. (AP)



"Star Jones Reynolds" lacks the glittery mundanity of her maiden name.

is a co-host of ABC's "The View," first stepped on the carpet for E! in September at the Emmys. (AP)

CAREERS

Imagine, Being Paid To Harass and Annoy Celebrities in Public

There's just no keeping **STAR JONES REYNOLDS** off Hollywood's red carpets. She'll chat with nominees and guests when she hosts E! Networks' two-hour "Live From the Red Carpet: The 2005 Golden Globe Awards" on Jan. 16. "I have watched for years as a fan," she said Tuesday. "To be able to participate in all the fun and excitement now as the host is a dream come true." Jones Reynolds, who

to over \$8 million. The show opened Sunday to largely favorable reviews, with The Associated Press calling "700 Sundays" "an affecting, hilarious evening of theater" and the New York Post proclaiming, "Come back to Broadway any time, Mr. Crystal. You own the street." (AP)



No one guilty would still be wearing pashmina!

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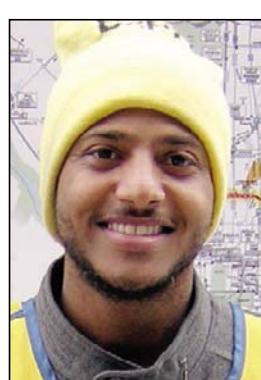
Did She Do It? Again, Oops

Charges were dismissed for the second time against **ROBINGIVENS**, who was ticketed for running over an elderly pedestrian's leg in Miami. County Court Judge Steven Leifman dismissed the case on Monday because the police officers present in court did not witness the accident and could not testify to its cause. Givens struck Maria Alcover as she was about to step onto the sidewalk after crossing a busy city street Jan. 28, police said. (AP)

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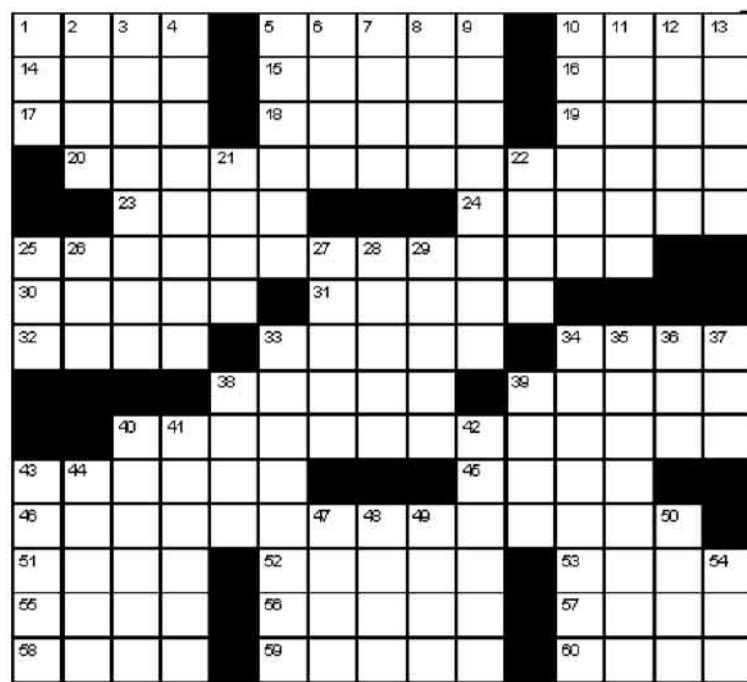
1 Paddington, for one
5 "... with ____ of thousands!"
10 France's Savoy
14 Canal to Buffalo
15 "Mulholland Falls" actor
16 Six preceder
17 Kind of talk
18 Some fountain servings
19 Travelers to Bethlehem
20 SON #1 rode in a multi-colored bus
23 Floor model
24 Haim and Feldman
25 SON #2 was hassled by Haskell
30 Type of wrench
31 This might give you a flat in London
32 They may cause sudden deaths
33 "____ porridge hot..."
34 It makes a he-bachelor a she-bachelor
38 Kool-Aid flavor
39 What the game may be
40 SON #3 moved a lot of junk
43 Sacred beetle
45 "What's ____ for me?"
46 SON #4 was big on the ranch
51 Vaulted part of a church

52 Resort lake
53 "Young Frankenstein" role
55 Bridle strap
56 Trial partner
57 Start of a counting-out rhyme
58 "... was blind, but now ____" ("Amazing Grace")
59 Bellow and Steinberg
60 ____ gin fizz

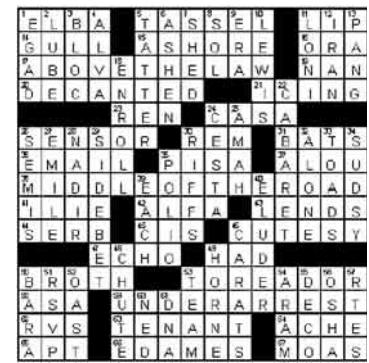
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1 Ask desperately
2 Actor Estrada
3 Wiry-coated terrier
4 Exempts
5 Popeye's tattoo
6 Hen's housing
7 ____ breve (musical term)
8 Type of witness

9 It might set a legal precedent
10 Look up to
11 Beginning of a tape
12 "Manana" singer Lee
13 M's subordinates
21 IRS agents
22 Gad about
25 Result of a Dracula presto-chango
26 "Bingo ____ Yale" (Porter song)
27 Not carrying a piece?
28 Sprang



Yesterday's Solution



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Don't let distractions keep you from your charted course. It's OK to look right and left, but keep moving forward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll find sound advice where you least expect it, and before you know it, you'll be able to pass it on to an eager young pupil.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) It's time you understood with greater sensitivity just what others are up to and, as a result,

what your role is or might be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Most captivating may prove, ultimately, to be the most dangerous as well. Move steadily, but with caution.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't make the mistake of forsaking judgment for a quick thrill. The consequences may be costly and lasting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Safety is a prime issue. Do not endanger yourself or others unduly in the name of experimentation or discovery.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Just because you can doesn't mean you should. There are some things best avoided. Trust instincts and experience.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Portions of

your day will be spent in hiding from your emotional state. In the end, you'll realize you can face yourself with confidence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Never the type to back down without a fight, you may nevertheless decide today is the day to put up or shut up in more ways than one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A cryptic message will come your way. Consider the all-around consequences of your words and actions. Don't be rash this evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may have difficulty pinpointing the emotional current you're riding. The winds of change are starting to blow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) With care and concentration, you can accomplish what many expect to be impossible. You have a different definition of success.

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